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Robert G. Taub, Acting Chairman
Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Ave NW, Suite 200
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Re: Careywood, Idaho Post Office

Dear Mr. Taub

Please do whatever is in your power to keep our post office open. Our postmistress has been informed the post office is to be closed at the end of this month. Short notice has not allowed us, the consumers, opportunity to give input regarding this decision. The following are factors to consider:

- It is approximately 7 miles from my house to each of the other nearby post offices - Cocolalla to the north, Athol to the south, and Bayview to the east. For me and others living in this community it is a hardship to have to drive those extra miles to pick up a package, buy stamps or mail an international item. By comparison, the Careywood post office is one mile from my home.
- Driving to another post office will not just be inconvenient. It will cost me money and time. I will not only have to pay for gasoline, but I also have to pay for road tax every time I visit the pump. I believe our state legislature is considering a bill to raise that tax in this year's legislative session.
- The USPS contributed to low service population numbers by making a previous change which put about half the people in Careywood on a route from Athol. This occurred even though those people live directly between the Careywood post office and the Bayview post office. And now this is a rationale for closing the post office.
- Our postmistress has been in her job less than a year. She has made going to the post office more friendly and convenient – smiling face, longer post office hours including noon hours and Saturday, organized service. She has obviously put her money and her future into this venture, so the timing of the closure message is brutal. If USPS “just must” close this office, that should have occurred when the former postmaster retired from the service.
- Besides providing us with the usual USPS amenities, our local post office keeps us on the map. It is the place we may see our neighbor. It is the business with the name of the community. First we lost our school, then the cold storage closed, and now the post office is on the line.
- For several years, Careywood has been without a general or convenience store. With the change of postmistress, came another change in that a little store opened next to the post office. When I go to the post office, I sometimes go into the store for an item, and I see others do the same. If the post office closes, that will probably ring the death knell for the store, too. It is a private business and separate entity, but its proximity causes it and the post office to contribute to traffic through both enterprises.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you should need to reach me, contact information is in the letterhead above.

Sincerely Yours,

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